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## President Obama's Remarks on International Women's Day



“On International Women’s Day, the United States celebrates the many achievements and milestones in the ongoing struggle for gender equality around the world, and reaffirms our commitment to accelerating progress. We are committed to a future in which our daughters and sons have equal opportunities to thrive, because when women succeed, communities and countries succeed. With this promise in mind, we are launching new initiatives on women’s political participation and economic empowerment, combating violence against women, promoting women’s roles and perspectives in conflict prevention and peace-building, and supporting the work of UN Women and other key partners.”

See Also:

## President Obama's Proclamation on Women's History Month

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## America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce the following upcoming programs in Jerusalem

### Renewable Energy and You! How Small Changes Can Have Big Results

with Thomas Culhane

March 14, 2012, 3:00 PM at America House



Are you concerned about your environment? Are you looking for inspiration to do more?

Then join us at America House for an interactive presentation by Mr. Thomas Culhane on “Renewable Energy and Green Technologies”.

Mr. Culhane, an environmentalist, a musician, and a real-life “clown” will show us how simple and fun it is to produce gas for kitchen and heating use out of simple materials.

**Please Note:** The presentation will be delivered in English with Arabic translation.

### Focus on the U.S. Presidential Election System:

Digital Video Conference on Arab-American Participation in the Presidential Election Process

with Michigan State Representative, Rashida Tlaib

March 15, 2012, 2:15 PM at America House



Representative Rashida H. Tlaib was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives for the 12th House District (Detroit) in 2008. A daughter of Palestinian immigrants, Representative Tlaib made history by becoming the first Muslim woman elected to the Michigan Legislature.

During this digital video conference, participants will learn more about the role of Arab-Americans in the U.S. political process – at the federal, state and local levels. Rep. Tlaib will also discuss how Arab-Americans vote, and how they influence the larger political narrative.

**Please Note:** The presentation will be delivered in Arabic. Interpretation will be available.

For both of these events, we kindly request that you RSVP to [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov)

To be added to America House’s mailing list, please e-mail [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov)

America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem’s cultural center in East Jerusalem and was established in 2010

## **Secretary Clinton on International Women's Day**



"Today, we honor women from all corners of the globe and the unique contributions they make. For over one hundred years, International Women's Day has been a beacon of hope for so many women on the frontlines of progress who have fought to lift up their communities, their societies and change our world.

We have made enormous progress in recent history... But challenges still remain. Too many women have found their attempts to participate in government, in the economy, and in society blocked. Women still disproportionately suffer from poverty and violence. Their voices are muffled and their presence denied at the places where critical decisions are made. They face nationality laws that deny them equal rights to citizenship. And women and girls are all too frequently deprived of access to reproductive healthcare, education, and the credit needed to launch small businesses...

The United States is committed to making women and their advancement a cornerstone of our foreign policy not just because it's the right thing to do. Investing in women and girls is good for societies, and it is also good for the future prosperity of countries... So let us recommit ourselves to a future of equality."

## **Secretary Clinton at the International Women of Courage Awards Ceremony**

"We want a great crescendo of voices, an international chorus that says clearly and unequivocally that women and girls deserve the same rights and opportunities as their fathers and brothers and sons. And today, we will hear remarkable stories from our honorees. They come from diverse and distant places, but in one important way they all walk the same path. They, too, are working tirelessly for justice. They are working for accountability. They are working for freedom, and they are working tirelessly to improve the lives of women and girls... And while we honor them today, we know that tomorrow their work will and must continue so that every woman and girl someday will have the opportunity to live up to her own God-given potential."

See Also: [First Lady Michelle Obama Speaks at the International Women of Courage Awards](#)

See Also: [Remarks by Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues on International Women's Day](#)

See Also: [Women of Courage Send a Message to the World](#)

## U.S. Consulate General Kicks Off Women's History Month with Performances by All-Female American Rock Band, Antigone Rising

On February 27, as a kick-off to its commemoration of Women's History Month in March, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem hosted all-female American rock band, *Antigone Rising*, for a cultural exchange program that included live performances and outreach events in the West Bank and Jerusalem, from February 25 – 27, 2012.

Hundreds turned out to see performances at the Intercontinental Hotel in Bethlehem on Saturday, February 25; at the Caesar Hotel in Ramallah on Sunday, February 26; and at the YMCA on Nablus Road in Jerusalem on Monday, February 27. Lead singer Nini Camps was joined by fellow band members Kristen Henderson, Cathy Henderson and Dena Tauriello. In addition to the public performances, Antigone Rising held cultural outreach events at a women's festival in Ní'lin Village, an exclusive performance at the old city of Bir Zeit for participants of the U.S. Consulate General-sponsored *Ghaneeha!* Season 3 and the Palestinian Youth Empowerment and Volunteerism Program, and a choir rehearsal at the Schmidt School in Jerusalem. Delighted by the blending of Palestinian culture and American music, Dena Tauriello said, "We've had a truly amazing experience here. We've been overwhelmed by the hospitality of our new Palestinian friends and have been astounded by the talent of the artists, dancers and musicians among them."

March is recognized in the U.S. as National Women's History Month, and the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem has many upcoming events to commemorate the historical achievements of women around the world. Speaking about the program, the Consulate General's Counselor for Press and Cultural Affairs, Frank Finver, stated, "Antigone Rising's visit marks an exciting launch for an event-filled month. The historical and cultural contributions of women, both Palestinian and American, are something that all of us can celebrate. Antigone Rising's music speaks to themes that unite us all as human beings, and I hope that Palestinian audiences enjoyed hearing their messages of empowerment, equality, and hope."



## القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في تطلق فعاليات شهر تاريخ المرأة بعروض لفرقة الروك و الرول الأمريكية انتيجوني رايزنج

أحياء لفعاليات شهر تاريخ النساء في شهر آذار، استضافت القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس فرقة في Antigone Rising الروك و الرول الأمريكية برنامج تبادل ثقافي تضمن عروض حية وورش عمل في الضفة الغربية والقدس وذلك في الفترة ما بين ٢٥ شباط - ٢٧ شباط. عزفت الفرقة المعروفة بعروضها Rolling Stones، Aerosmith، The Dave Matthews Band، Rob Thomas، Joan Jett & The Blackhearts، Lucinda Williams، و غيرها الكثير في جميع انحاء الولايات المتحدة.

وقد حضر المئات من الفلسطينيين العروض التي اقيمت في فندق الانتركونتيننتال ببيت لحم السبت ٢٥/٢ وفندق السيزار برام الله الاحد ٢٦/٢ و جمعية الشبان المسيحية يوم الإثنين ٢٧/٢. نيني كامبس هي المغنية الرئيسية و تشاركها كل من كريستن هندرسون (على الباس)، وكاتي هندرسون على الجيتار، ودينا تارييلو (على الطبل). بالإضافة للعروض العامة، قدمت الفرقة عدة فعاليات ثقافية في مهرجان النساء بقرية نعلين واحيت عرض حصري في البلدة القديمة في بير زيت للمشاركين في برنامج غنيها للمواهب الغنائية الموسم الثالث الذي تدعمه القنصلية الأمريكية. كما شاركت الفرقة في عرض مع برنامج تمكين الشباب والتطوع و تدريب غنائي مع جوقة مدرسة الشميدت للبنات في القدس. وقد عبرت دينا تارييلو عن سعادتها للمزج بين الثقافة الفلسطينية والموسيقى الأمريكية قائلة، "لقد كان لنا تجربة رائعة حقا هنا. لقد اعجبنا بضيافة اصدقائنا الفلسطينيين وقد ادهشتنا مواهب الفنانين والراقصين والموسيقيين".

يذكر أن شهر آذار يعرف كشهر تاريخ المرأة في الولايات المتحدة و لذلك فإن القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس لديها الكثير من الفعاليات والاحتفالات لأحياء الانجازات التاريخية للنساء حول العالم. وفي حديثه عن البرنامج قال القنصل الثقافي والإعلامي في القنصلية الأمريكية فرانك فنفر، " إن زيارة هذه الفرقة هي بداية لشهر مليء بالفعاليات. فالمساهمات التاريخية والثقافية للنساء الفلسطينيات والأمريكيات هي مساهمات يجب علينا ان نتشارك الاحتفال بها جميعا. وتناقش موسيقى الفرقة عدة مواضيع توحدنا جميعا كبشر واتمنى ان يكون الجمهور الفلسطيني قد استمتع بسماع رسائلهن حول التمكين والمساواة والامل."



## **Consul General Rubinstein Attends Young Women Entrepreneurs Graduation Ceremony in Hebron**



On February 29, American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein attended the graduation ceremony of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)-funded Palestine Polytechnic University “Young Women IT Entrepreneurship & Incubation” Program in Hebron. The program provided training to 57 young female entrepreneurs and supported the incubation of five new businesses. Consul General Rubinstein said during the event: "To the 57 graduates here today who have put forth a tremendous effort to complete this rigorous training program: Congratulations! You are the future of Palestinian economic development and prosperity. Your dreams, innovations and the small projects you start will strengthen the Palestinian economy, laying the foundation for a future, independent and prosperous Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security with Israel. The skills you learned through this program will serve you well as you seek to pursue your dreams and professional vocations. You are off to a bright start." Click [here](#) to read the Consul General's full remarks.

### **القنصل العام روبنستين يشارك بتخريج شابات رياديات في الخليل**

بتاريخ ٢٩ شباط، حضر القنصل العام روبنستين حفل تخريج مشروع تمكين رائدات الأعمال في تكنولوجيا المعلومات واحتضان المشاريع الإبداعية بدعم من مبادرة الشراكة الشرق أوسطية في جامعة البوليتكنيك في الخليل وقد وفر البرنامج ٥٧ فرصة تدريبية للشابات الرياديات ودعم إنشاء حاضنة تضم خمسة أعمال تجارية جديدة.

وقال القنصل العام روبنستين خلال المناسبة: " للخريجات السبعة والخمسين اللواتي وضعن جهود كبيرة لإكمال هذا لبرنامج التدريبي أقول مبروك! انتن أحلامكن، إبداعاتكن والمشاريع الصغيرة التي سوف تبدأنها ستعزز الاقتصاد الفلسطيني، وترسي القواعد. مستقبل نمو وازدهار الاقتصاد الفلسطيني لدولة فلسطينية مستقبلية مستقلة ومزدهرة تعيش جنباً إلى جنب بسلام و أمن مع إسرائيل. إن المهارات التي اكتسبتن من خلال هذا البرنامج سوف تساعدكن وانتن تتابعن أحلامكن وحياتكن المهنية. انتن بصدد بداية مشرقة. أقرأ [كلمة القنصل العام روبنستين](#)

## **Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and U.S. Consulate General Inaugurate Conservation Project at Tell Es Sultan, Jericho**



On March 1, Her Excellency Dr. Khoulood Daibes and American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein hosted a ceremony at Tell Es Sultan in Jericho to commemorate the completion of a conservation project funded by the State Department's Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation. The project, entitled, "Restoration and Protection of Trench One, Tell Es Sultan," was implemented by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, which built an observation platform and bridge over Trench One. The project allows for improved safety at the site and ease of viewing of the Neolithic Tower inside Trench One.

Speaking at the opening of the ceremony, Consul General Rubinstein said, "The United States Government has worked in partnership with Palestinian organizations over the years to support the development of a culturally sensitive and sustainable tourism industry in the Palestinian territories. This conservation and preservation project will help ensure that Palestinians and tourists alike will have the opportunity to enjoy the great treasures to be found here at Tell Es Sultan for many years to come."

Read the Consul General's full [remarks](#).

### **وزارة السياحة والآثار والقنصلية الأمريكية العامة تدشن مشروع ترميم في تل السلطان بأريحا**

استضاف كل من وزيرة السياحة والآثار خلود دعبيس والقنصل الأمريكي العام دانيال روبنستين حفل تدشين انتهاء اعمال ترميم مشروع لحفظ التراث في اريحا بدعم من صندوق السفير لحفظ التراث. وقد تم تنفيذ مشروع حفظ وترميم "خندق رقم واحد" في عين السلطان من قبل وزارة السياحة والآثار حيث تم بناء منصة وجسر لمشاهدة "خندق واحد" الذي يوفر مشاهدة آمنة وسهلة لبرج من العصر الحجري الحديث داخل خندق رقم واحد.

وخلال حديثه في الحفل قال القنصل العام روبنستين، "عملت الولايات المتحدة بالشراكة مع المؤسسات الفلسطينية على مر السنوات لدعم تطور صناعة السياحة المستدامة في الأراضي الفلسطينية. إن مشروع الترميم هذا سيضمن للفلسطينيين والسياح على حد سواء الفرصة للاستمتاع بالثروات العظيمة الموجودة في تل السلطان للسنوات القادمة." اقرأ **كلمة القنصل العام** خلال الاحتفال

## Special Adviser for Global Youth Issues Addresses Youth in Jerusalem and Bethlehem



On February 24, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem hosted Special Adviser to Secretary Clinton for Global Youth Issues, Ronan Farrow. The tour, which included visits to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, aimed to discuss issues related to American diplomacy and ways to engage youth who are active in their communities. At America House in Jerusalem, Farrow attended sessions with U.S. Consulate-sponsored youth outreach projects like the English Access Microscholarship Program and the Palestinian Youth Empowerment and Volunteerism Program. The young students shared their experiences, both as U.S. Consulate outreach programs participants and as young Palestinians facing social and economic challenges.

In the West Bank, Mr. Farrow addressed 60 students and faculty at Bethlehem University, where he identified many challenges common to young people in the region, but also offered hopeful and viable solutions. Click [here](#) for the full story. Also, check out this video on [Youth Empowerment](#)!

See Also: [Secretary Clinton on Global Youth Engagement](#)

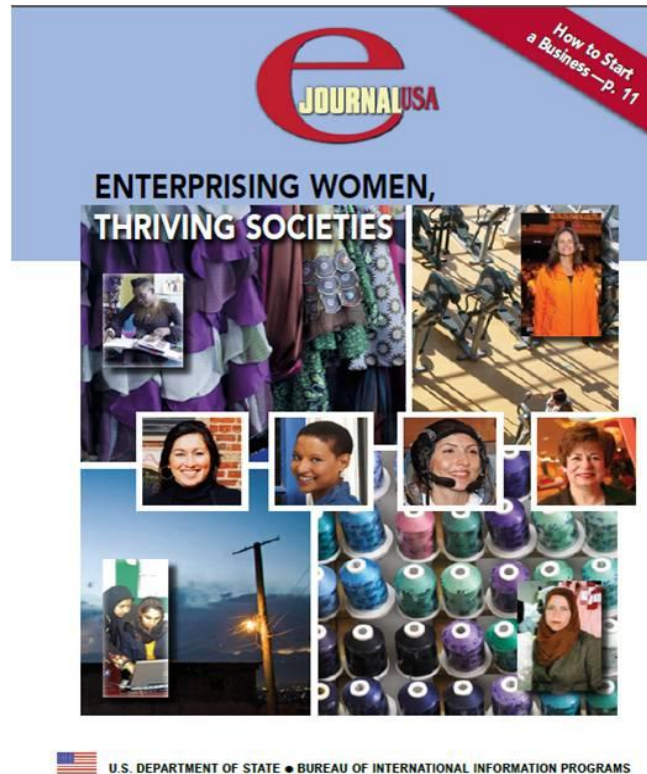
### القنصلية الأمريكية العامة تستضيف المستشار الخاص لوزيرة الخارجية الأمريكية لشؤون الشباب حول العالم رونان فارو

قام رونان فارو المستشار الخاص لوزيرة الخارجية الأمريكية هيلاري كلينتون بزيارة للقدس وبيت لحم الجمعة الموافق ٢٤ شباط ضمن جولة اقليمية تتضمن تونس والجزائر والأردن واسرائيل وتهدف إلى رفع مصالح الشباب في الدبلوماسية الأمريكية وتمكين الشباب من أن يصبحوا مشاركين اقتصاديين ومدنيين في مجتمعاتهم. تضمنت زيارته للقدس جولة في البيت الأمريكي حيث حضر لقاءات مع مشاركي برامج القنصلية الأمريكية للتواصل كبرامج اللغة الإنجليزية وبرامج التطوع وتمكين الشباب وبرنامج غنيها للمواهب الغنائية الشبابية. كمالقى محاضرة في جامعة بيت لحم لبعض الطلبة وبعض من أعضاء الهيئة التدريسية فيها حيث أشار " ان شباب أمننا وبينما نحن نتحدث الآن، يقومون هم بتحويل أمننا وازدهارنا. هم ليسوا فقط المستقبل، هم الحاضر ونحن بإمكاننا العمل معهم لخلق عالم افضل الآن."

بالإضافة لدوره كمستشار خاص لوزيرة الخارجية، فإنه ايضا مدير مكتب وزارة الخارجية لشؤون الشباب حول العالم. حيث انه ومع تضخم الشعوب العالمية والشباب الذين يقودون الأحداث العالمية بشكل غير مسبوق، فإنه مسؤول عن تنفيذ وايصال البرامج والسياسات الشبابية في وزارة الخارجية. يشرف مكتب وزارة الخارجية لشؤون الشباب حول العالم على جهود تاريخية لتمكين الشباب في جميع انحاء العالم ليصبحوا فاعلين اقتصاديين ومدنيين عبر البرامج الأمريكية وتشجيع الحكومات للاستجابة للشباب عبر الدبلوماسية الأمريكية والتفاعل مباشرة مع الشباب حول العالم.

شاهد الفيلم : تمكين الشباب

## e-Journal USA: Enterprising Women, Thriving Societies

Read in [PDF Format](#)

Study after study has shown that the economic empowerment of women leads to poverty alleviation. As countries' economic output grows, the range of options for women to contribute to the economy expands. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, citing economists, said that "women's increased participation in the global labor market in the developed world accounted for a greater share of global growth than China's" over the last decade.

Around the world women entrepreneurs are increasingly visible as they start and grow their ventures into successful small businesses or global enterprises. Yet women's business potential is far from being fully realized. In both developed and developing countries, would-be women entrepreneurs need better access to training, capital and technical resources, as well as more exposure to business opportunities in the greater global supply chain.

*This issue of eJournal USA encourages women to pursue their entrepreneurial ambitions. It cites the experiences of businesswomen around the world and features successful women entrepreneurs who can serve as role models. It also identifies barriers and best practices for overcoming them.*



## **Upcoming Webchats: Let Your Voice Be Heard!**

### **FortuneWomen: Online and Mobile Fundraising Tips Monday March 12 at 03:30 pm**

Get tips for online and mobile fundraising for your small business by joining a webinar with Liam Dall, Director of Development at Vital Voices Global Partnership, and Jenifer Snyder, Executive Director of mGive. This program is part of the Fortune/U.S. State Department Global Women's Mentoring Partnership, which connects emerging women leaders around the world with members of Fortune's Most Powerful Women Leaders.

This will be a video webchat in English. Please click on the URL and enter as a Guest to participate.

### **Study in the USA: Mount Holyoke College Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 2:00pm**

Celebrate Women's History Month and learn about how you can study abroad at one of the best women's colleges in the United States. Join Darcy Thoma, Admission Counselor for Mount Holyoke College, who will give a presentation about admission requirements, scholarship opportunities, and answer your questions about life as a foreign student there.

This will be a video webchat in English. Please click on the URL and enter as a Guest to participate.

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### **The U.S. Department of State Announces the 2012 Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund to Support Exchange Alumni Projects that Tackle Global Challenges**

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the 2012 Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF), which aims to harness the leadership capacity of exchange program alumni worldwide. There are currently more than one million alumni of United States government-funded exchange programs. This competition gives these alumni the opportunity to form partnerships with each other and U.S. missions abroad to spur innovative ideas and projects that address global issues on a local, national, regional, and international level. ECA's Office of Alumni Affairs will conduct the competition on the State Alumni website at <https://alumni.state.gov>. Alumni are invited to submit proposals between February 27, 2012 and March 30, 2012, at <https://alumni.state.gov/aeif>. The Office of Alumni Affairs will announce AEIF award winners in mid-May 2012. Visit <https://alumni.state.gov/aeif> to learn more about the submission process.

**"Doors to Diplomacy" 2012 International Web Project Competition for Middle and High School Students:**

The Department of State and the Global SchoolNet Foundation announce the 2012 "Doors to Diplomacy" award competition, recognizing the student-created Global SchoolNet Web projects from around the globe that best teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy. To qualify, middle school and high school students will work in small teams with teacher-coaches. **Projects must be completed by March 15, 2012**, and winners will be announced in May 2012. Every team that enters a project will receive a special "Doors to Diplomacy" certificate recognizing their achievement. Each student member of the two winning teams – one American and one international – will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship and the winning coaches' schools will each receive a \$500 cash award.

For a complete description of the competition and information about eligibility and judging criteria, please visit <http://globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/>. For more information, contact Dr. Yvonne Marie Andres of Global SchoolNet by phone at (760) 635-0001 or by e-mail at [diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org](mailto:diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org) or Wanda Ramsey of the Department of State by e-mail at [RamseyWC@state.gov](mailto:RamseyWC@state.gov).

**Deadline: March 15, 2012**

**USG Department of State Citizen Exchanges Program**

Applicants must be citizens of Jordan, Egypt, Israel or the Palestinian Territories, and cannot hold dual US citizenship. They should be emerging professionals (roughly an age range of 25-40) and prefer some professional experience and evidence for advancement in their field. A successful applicant will have excellent English skills. The program is fully paid for (travel, meals, and lodging) and includes generous book and cultural entertainment allowances.

**Deadline: October 31, 2012.**

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